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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN APPROPRIATION 196/71143.3 FUNDING AND
PLEDGE/CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR

1. D/HA HAS NOW DETERMINED THAT NO FURTHER ASSIGNMENTS WILL
BE MADE TO THE VOLAGS FROM THE SPECIAL RESERVE OF THE 3466
LAO PROGRAM AFTER DECEMBER 10, 1976. THIS DECISION WAS MADE
SO THAT ANY UNUSED FUNDS FROM APPROPRIATION 196/71143.3
COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE UNHCR FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE
OF LAO REFUGEES IN THAILAND PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF THE
MONEY ON DECEMBER 31, 1976. FURTHERMORE, IT APPEARS
DOUBTFUL THAT ANY FURTHER MOVEMENTS WILL BE MADE FROM THE
SPECIAL RESERVE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31.

2. FORM 162A, CHANGE NO. 13 BEING ISSUED FOR APPROPRIATION
196/71143.3 AS FOLLOWS:

ICEM	UNHCR	VOLAGS	TOTAL
PRESENT	2,014,839	3,000,000	1,009,000
INCREASE/	(357,000)	500,000	(40,000)
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(DECREASE)

TOTAL 1,657,839 3,500,000 969,000 6,126.839

3. RATIONALE FOR CHANGES IN VOLAG FUNDING IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PRESENT CONTRACT	ACTUALLY ASSIGNED	DECREASE
AFCR	83,000 (166)	79,000 (158)	4,000 (8)
CWS	245,500 (491)	240,500 (481)	5,000(10)
HIAS	134,000 (268)	126,500 (253)	7,500(15)
IRC	252,500 (505)	240,500 (481)	12,000(24)
TF	237,500 (475)	226,500 (453)	11,000(22)
USCC	351,500 (703)	351,000 (702)	500 (1)

TOTAL 1,304,000 (2608) 1,264,000 (2528) 40,000(80)

DEPARTMENT LEGAL OFFICE ADVISES THAT CONTRACT AMENDMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED, BUT VOLAGS SHOULD BE ADVISED BY LETTER OF THE FINAL NUMBER OF REFUGEE ASSIGNMENTS. D/HA IS ADVISING EACH VOLAG'S U.S. OFFICE BY LETTER.

4. RATIONALE FOR REDUCING ICEM FUNDING IS AS FOLLOWS: A TOTAL OF 3,328 LAO REFUGEE MOVEMENTS WERE FUNDED UNDER THE 1976 ICEM AGREEMENT (2,876 PLUS 452 PER STATE 246302). WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT A MINIMUM OF 178 OF THESE REFUGEES WILL NOT MOVE AND BE ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR TRANSPORTATION COSTS PAID. MOST OF THESE 178 WERE PROGRAMMED FROM THE SPECIAL RESERVE BUT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31. THEY WILL THEREFORE BE FUNDED FROM LOAN FUND ACCOUNT NO. 5. 178 REFUGEES X 480 DOLLARS FUNDED IN AGREEMENT EQUALS 85,440 DOLLARS, TO BE WITHDRAWN. B. ICEM BILLINGS FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE SHOW 2,627 LAO REFUGEES MOVED AT A COST OF 967,317 DOLLARS FOR AN AVERAGE COST OF 369 DOLLARS. THEREFORE, WE ARE ALSO WITHDRAWING 271,560 DOLLARS FROM THE ICEM ACCOUNT. THIS LEAVES AMPLE FUNDS IN THE AGREEMENT TO FUND APPROXIMATELY 523 LAO REMAINING TO BE MOVED.

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	DOLLARS
....FUNDED ORIGINAL AGREEMENT	1,380,480
....ADDED PER STATE 246302	216,960

TOTAL	1,597,440
....BILLS FOR 2,627 REFUGEES	(967,317)
....WITHDRAWALS PER PARA A AND B	(357,000)
....AVAILABLE FOR MOVEMENT OF	

APPROX 523 REFUGEES (522 DOLLARS 273,123
PER REFUGEE)

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5. ICEM AGREEMENT REQUIRES AMENDMENT TO REFLECT A REDUCTION OF 357,000 DOLLARS AND 178 LAO REFUGEES. TOTAL AMOUNT OF AGREEMENT 8,231,453 DOLLARS. MISSION SHOULD PREPARE APPROPRIATE AMENDMENT IMMEDIATELY AND FORWARD SIGNED COPIES.

6. FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT MISSION IS REQUESTED TO PREPARE FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S SIGNATURE A PLEDGE LETTER TO THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES WHICH PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL USG CONTRIBUTION AS FOLLOWS:

A. UNHCR CARE AND MAINTENANCE IN THAILAND FOR REFUGEES FROM LAOS 500,000

B. SUGGEST PLEDGE LETTER COVER THESE POINTS;

(1) WITH THIS CONTRIBUTION OF 500,000 DOLLARS FOR REFUGEES FROM LAOS, THE TOTAL USG CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNHCR THAI PROGRAM IS 9,900,000 DOLLARS, AND THE OVERALL AMOUNT MADE AVAILABLE FOR UNHCR INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAM IS 12,920,000 DOLLARS.

(2) THAT THE THAI PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION OF 500,000 DOLLARS IS DESIGNATED FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM LAOS, THE PURPOSE REQUESTED AND APPROVED BY PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION 76.3.

(3) THAT THE USG CONTINUES ITS DEEP APPRECIATION OF UNHCR'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ALL REFUGEES.

7. PLEASE FORWARD COPIES OF PLEDGE LETTER TO D/HA.

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8. QUESTIONS RAISED IN MERRILL/BRENNAN LETTER, DATED 26 NOVEMBER 1976 WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO D/HA BY STEIN FOR OUR COMMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE LETTER TO MISSION FROM D/HA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. LETTER RESPONSE WILL NOT AFFECT REFUGEE OR DOLLAR TOTALS DISCUSSED THIS MESSAGE.

9. BECAUSE OF TIME CONSTRAINTS, PLEASE TELEPHONE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. KISSINGER

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